

Session 121 - (2015-2016)

S 0277 General Bill, By Alexander, Rankin and Hutto

Summary: State Telecom Equity in Funding Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "STATE TELECOM EQUITY IN FUNDING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 58-9-2515 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OVER CERTAIN PROVIDERS REGARDING TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED PEOPLE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-9-2535 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER OF ASSESSING AND COLLECTING DUAL PARTY RELAY CHARGES BY LOCAL EXCHANGE PROVIDERS, COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE PROVIDERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF TELEPHONE SERVICE, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF "BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE SERVICE" AND "CARRIER OF LAST RESORT"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-280, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND FOR CARRIERS OF LAST RESORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE INTERIM LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER FUND INTO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND, TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND, AND TO REQUIRE VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL PROVIDERS, COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND PREPAID WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-576, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN STAND-ALONE BASIC RESIDENTIAL LINE RATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE RATES FIVE YEARS AFTER THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2510, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED PEOPLE, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DEFINITIONS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2530, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING FUND FOR A SYSTEM OF DUAL PARTY RELAY DEVICES AND RELATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES, SO AS TO IMPOSE CERTAIN UNIFORM-RELATED SURCHARGES ON LOCAL EXCHANGE PROVIDERS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 58-9-2540 RELATING TO AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONCERNING STATEWIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY ACCESS SERVICE.

01/13/15	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 164)
01/13/15	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 164)
01/15/15	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Hutto, Turner
02/25/15	Senate	Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 17)
02/26/15		Scrivener's error corrected
03/18/15	Senate	Minority Report Removed (Senate Journal-page 35)
04/23/15	Senate	Motion to Set Bill for Adjourned Debate Failed (Senate Journal-page 93)
04/23/15	Senate	Roll call Ayes-9 Nays-31 (Senate Journal-page 93)
04/29/15	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 43)
04/29/15	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 43)
04/30/15	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 12)
04/30/15	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 12)
04/30/15	Senate	Roll call Ayes-22 Nays-20 (Senate Journal-page 12)
05/01/15		Scrivener's error corrected
05/05/15	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 19)
05/05/15	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 19)